

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Tomoya ISHIKAWA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4748  
Application No.: 10/796,060 : Group Art Unit: 2816  
Filed: March 10, 2004 : Examiner: NGUYEN, Long T.  
For: LEVEL SHIFT CIRCUIT

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of June 23, 2005, wherein the Examiner required election between the patentably distinct species identified as Species A through Species C, Applicant hereby elects Species A, corresponding to Figure 1 for prosecution in this application. Claims 1-5 and 7-10 are considered readable on the elected species.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration of the election requirement is respectfully requested.

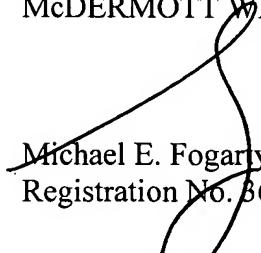
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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